

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

Tuesday, January 23. 1711.

AND now, Gentlemen, I am very sorry, that I am call'd off from my other more diverting Observations from the *Lunar Regions*, to speak to you upon some Subjects, that nearly concern you; and first of the *Nation's Credit*; this is one of the Articles which suffers deeply by our National Divisions, and in the Consequence, all our other Affairs are, or *will be*, by the same difficulty, Embarrass'd, Retarded, Perplex'd, and at least, very much in *these Times of Discouragement*, put backward and delay'd.

I pointed my last Discourse, on this Subject, whether directly or obliquely, to the present Parliament; I humbly Represented,

That to restore Credit, the People must be kept **EASIE**; I hope no Body will suggest I am going to direct a Parliament in this; nor on the other Hand do I say, that every Thing a People may be uneasie at, must be immediately stoop'd to by a Parliament; there are Distempers and Diseases in People, as well as in Governments, and some of these may require Cure, rather than Compliance; but every **JUST UNEASIENESS** of a People, *mark the Word*, every Thing at which they may have **JUST CAUSE** to be uneasie; these may *very justly* be the Concern of a Parliament, to remove and clear up, and these must be remov'd and clear'd up, before *Credit* can be reviv'd.

CREDIT.

CREDIT, as we are now speaking of it, viz. *Publick Credit*, is nothing but the People's Satisfaction in the Justice, Clearness, Probity, and punctual Discharge of every publick Engagement to them.

When therefore I speak of Uneasinesses among the People, lest I should be thought to meddle too far, I confin'd my Discourse to SAFETY; no People can be *safe* when they are not *safe*; then I confin'd the Article of *Safety* to that of *Peace*; and here it will be allow'd me by all Hands, no People can be *Safe*, where the publick *Peace* is not secur'd; *Credit* and *Peace* at Home are Inseparable, and hence it was I Descended to the Case of Rabbles and Tumults, which tend as naturally to Ruin *Credit* and destroy all the People's Confidence in the Government, as Water tends to Extinguish Fire.

I cannot be Censur'd by a *British Parliament*, for pressing them to restore our Publick Peace, by Suppressing, and effectually Discourtenancing Tumults and Rabbles, for Parliaments are the Restorers of the Nation's Peace, and none can pretend to Advance our *Credit*, that would not first restore our *Peace*; CREDIT and TUMULT are as incapable to exist in one Place, as Justice and Violence, as Industry and Plunder, or in short, as any two Contraries in Nature; for this Reason I humbly propos'd the Measure, when I exhorted to the End; and when I shew'd the Necessity of Restoring *Credit*, I shew'd how impossible it was ever to restore that *Credit*, while Rattle and Tumult Reign'd and Prevail'd in the Nation.

I care not what Rabbles you shall suppose me to mean here, nor is it to the Purpose; Whig Rabbles, if you can shew me any such, or Tory Rabbles; Protestant Mobbs or Papist Mobbs, Revolution Tumults or Jacobite Tumults, I will not enter into the Dispute, the Matter of Fact will discover whole Facts is blackest, let the Reproof be to the Guilty, let the Coat be worn where it matches the Size; nor am I speaking of who are, or are not Enemies to our *Credit*; I have spoken of the *Credit*, as a Thing essential to us all, if any think they are not

Concern'd in it, I am sorry for them, they have put themselves out of the Rank of *British Subjects*; if any think they can go on without Credit, let them go on till they find the Mistake: For my part, I have spoken of the *publick Credit*, as a publick Thing that every one is Concern'd in, that every one must feel the Effects of the Loss of, and that will sink your private Fortunes, weaken your Interest, and affect every Branch of Trade. I have told you 'tis every one's Interest to support it, whether you gratifie your Party or no, and I am sure you will all first or last own me to be in the right, tho' at present you may think I speak too much.

I am clear in my Expressions, and I speak without Disguises; they that fancy I speak for Parties, abuse themselves as well as me, let them go on with their Delusions. I speak it again. 1. As you are a Trading Nation, as you are a Nation that Trade Twenty Million Yearly beyond your real Stock, you cannot carry on your Commerce without *Credit*. 2. As you are a Nation involv'd in a War, which War is carried on at an Expence, which to be paid Annually in Specie, your whole Stock of Specie, and your whole Produce, as you been already Exhausted, is not able to defray. You cannot carry on the War without *Credit*. 3. As you have a vastly extended Manufacture, upon which depends the Employment of your People, this Manufacture could not subsist without *Credit*, nor could it Employ one half of your People, but they would Starve and be undone. You must have *Credit* for Employment of your People. 4. As you have an Improv'd Country, feeding a most Populous Nation, Cultivated by a Numerous Peasantry, and finding Labour for the Hands of Innumerable Poor, you must have *Credit* to support those People who Consume the mighty Produce. See the dependance of one part upon another, and how *Credit* fastens every Link in the Chain.

The Landlord trusts the Tenant, the Shopkeeper trusts the Landlord, the Wholesale-Man trusts the Shopkeeper, the Manufacture

facturer trusts the Wholesale-Man, the Merchant trusts the Manufacturer, the Government trusts the Merchant, and all these together trust the Government —

And who will trust that Government that will not Protect the Person that trusts it? Upon Justice depends the Law, upon the Law depends Peace, upon Peace Safety, upon Safety Trade, upon Trade Credit, upon Credit all Things.

Abhor'd be that Destructive Principle among us, which would lead any Man to sacri-

fice the Publick or Private Credit to a Party, let it be to what Party it will; our Duty to the Government, our Duty to the General Interest of the Nation, and our Duty to our Families and Estates, all call upon us to support Credit — And the only Way to have this Credit Supported, is to have the Minds of the People kept ease, their Trade Maintain'd, and their Interest and Property made Safe — And this is, no doubt, the just Concern of the Government to see done.

MISCELLANEA,

IT is long since I have concern'd my self in this Paper with any Thing relating to the Affairs of *Scotland*, and I should not have done it now, had it not appear'd absolutely Necessary, in Justice to your absent Brethren of that part of the Kingdom, and it is every Man's Duty to repair his Neighbours Injury of any kind, if he can.

Among the rest of the Clamours rais'd against the People of *Scotland*, Persecution is the Foremost — This has been so openly detested, the Fraud of the Pretence so much expos'd, and the Case of Mr. *Greenfield* so clearly Stated, as well by other Writers as in this Paper, that I think I need not speak one Word to that Point; if I find any farther Occasion, I shall take it in its Season.

But the Case that seems now to present, of which the Enemies of the Church of *Scotland* shew most Elevated Hope, and some of the Friends of that Happily Establish'd Church, are apprehensive of, is that of a *Tolleration* in *Scotland*.

There are indeed some People, who tho' they were warm for a Tolleration before, are quite off of it again now, and say they will not accept it; the Reasons these give for it are, That they shall by a Tolleration, Homologate, or Recognize and Confirm the Church of *Scotland*, which now they expect to Supplant and Overthrow; these

People shew their good Will, and we may, in Time, think it worth while to Discourse on that Subject, but for the present, I may dismiss them with a Scots Proverb, *An ill willy Cow have short Horns*.

But I shall direct my Discourse to another kind of People, viz. To those of every Persuasion in *England*, who are either forward to push a Tolleration in *Scotland*, or Passive in Consenting to it — And to these I shall apply in two Methods.

1. I shall Prove, There are not the same Arguments for a Tolleration in *Scotland*, as there are for a Tolleration in *England*.
2. I shall prove, That the late shifting off of the Word *Tolleration* in *England*, to the Word *Exemption*, destroys all Pretences to *Tolleration* in *Scotland*, as they are Founded upon the like Favour granted in *England*.
3. Shew you there is already more Tolleration allowed in *Scotland*, under the Church of *Scotland*, than here, under the Church of *England*.
4. Shew you what Reasons there are, against a Tolleration in *Scotland*.
5. I shall enter a little into the Bloody and Inhumane Treatment, the *Presbyterians* in *Scotland* for 28 Years together met with, from the Episcopal People

People there, that you may see a little what kind of People they are, you desire to Tollerate among them.

It is true, in this last Article, I shall be oblig'd to enter upon a most undesirable Work, *renouare dolorem*, viz. to give you a black Martyrology, a horrid Account of Barbarities, Cruelties, Cold-Blood Mur-

thers, Butcheries, Torturings, and Merciless Usage, which the poor People of *Steenland* underwent, from the Generation that now would be Tollerated, which will make the Ears of those that read it to Tingle, must fill you with Amazement and Horror, and will make them that were the Actors of it, odious to all the Nations of the World.

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